

**REMARKS**

The present preliminary amendment is provided to add new Claims 19-32. New Claims 19-32 are provided to address various aspects of the invention as supported by the original Specification. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that inclusion of these new claims is not made in response to prior art or objections/rejections by the United States Patent & Trademark Office, and are presented merely to secure various aspects of the invention in accordance with the Applicants' long-accepted right to press alternative claims covering different aspects of the invention.

The Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified patent application.

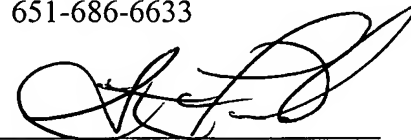
If the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss any issues related to this case, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner is invited to contact him at 651-686-6633 (ext. 110).

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